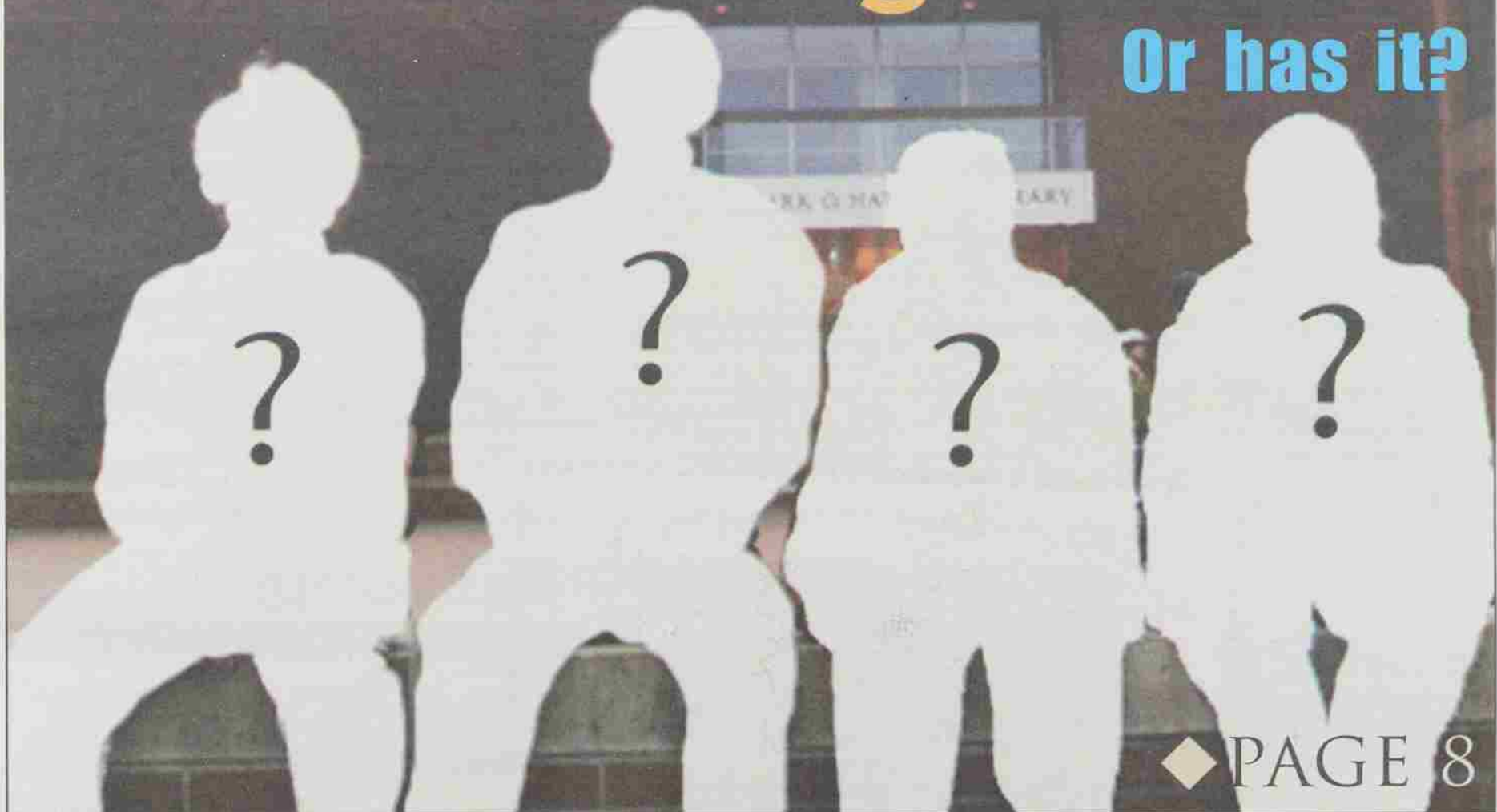
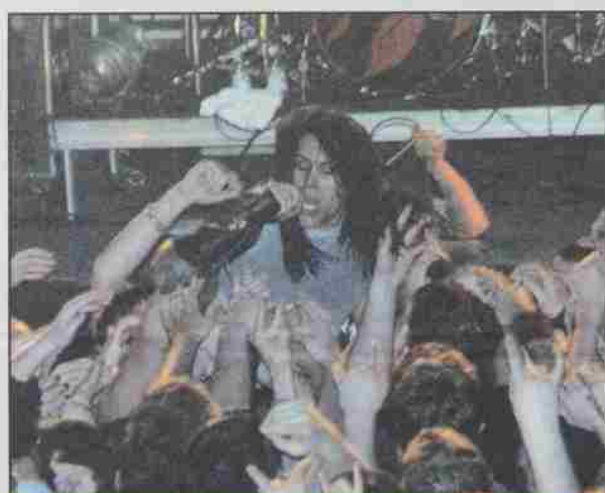


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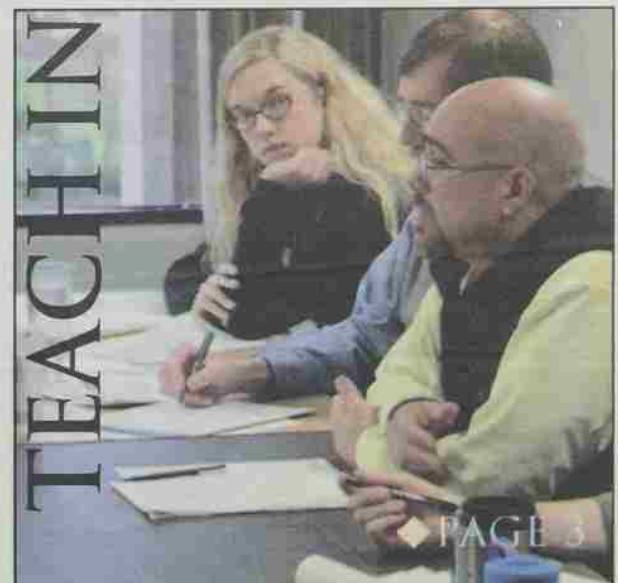
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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2003

This week, Campus Safety responded to 178 calls for service.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

April 1, 2:01 p.m. (Willamette River): The Willamette University Crew coach reported that an intoxicated boat driver ran into the women's crew team while the team was practicing on the river.

Polk County Sheriff's Deputies arrested the driver of the boat.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

April 2, 8:02 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): An employee reported that unknown persons discharged a fire extinguisher on the fourth floor.

April 2, 8:30 a.m. (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): An employee reported that the large east window was damaged.

April 3, 3:40 p.m. (Shepard Lot): A student reported that unknown persons broke the window wiper off the back window of her vehicle.

April 3, 10:30 p.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported that unknown persons placed a bumper sticker on the back of his vehicle.

The glue from the sticker left a gummy residue on his vehicle.

April 4, 10:45 p.m. (Law School): An employee reported that unknown persons damaged a candy vending machine.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

April 1, 11:58 a.m. (WISH): Campus Safety, WEMS Personnel and Salem Fire Department responded to a report of a student having stomach pains.

After the initial evaluation, the student was transported to Salem Hospital for further treatment by the Fire Department.

April 2, 11:15 a.m. (Smullin

Hall): Campus Safety and WEMS Personnel responded to a report of a student feeling faint and dizzy.

The student was treated by WEMS Personnel.

April 6, 7:20 a.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety and WEMS Personnel responded to a report of a student with a knee pain.

After initial treatment the student chose not to be transported for further treatment.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

March 31, 11:05 p.m. (Hatfield Library): Campus Safety observed a student climbing between the first and second floors on the metal windows frames inside the library.

The matter has been turned over to the Campus Judicial Office.

April 1, 10:15 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student's vehicle was towed for a second time, for repeated parking violations.

The matter has been turned over to the Campus Judicial Office.

April 3, 7:45 p.m. (Belknap Lot): A student's vehicle was in the process of being towed for repeated parking violations as he returned to his vehicle.

Campus Safety allowed the student to move his vehicle prior to the tow truck's arrival.

April 4, 12:40 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): Campus Safety responded to a complaint of loud noise coming from the second floor.

Upon locating the noise, no one in the room responded to Campus Safety. Campus Safety then entered the room and observed marijuana, drug paraphernalia, alcohol and a weapon.

These items were confiscated and the matter turned over to Campus Judicial System for further action.

April 5, 11:18 p.m. (Shepard Hall): Campus Safety responded to a report of an

injured, intoxicated student.

They found an underage student and her guest, who had both been drinking.

The matter has been turned over to Campus Judicial System for further action.

RECKLESS DRIVING

April 3, 11:15 a.m. (Brown Field): A Willamette University employee reported that he observed a student employee driving a golf cart in a reckless manner.

Campus Safety and the student's department supervisor are looking into the incident.

RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY

April 2, 9:30 a.m. (Sigma Chi): An employee reported finding stolen property in the basement of the house.

THEFT

April 2, 9:06 p.m. (Off Campus): A student reported that their vehicle was broken into while parked on 14th Street. The unknown persons stole the car stereo, 43 CDs and a black CD case.

April 3, 10:50 p.m. (Kappa Sigma): A house member reported that unknown persons stole the house barbecue from the patio area outside the house.

April 4, 3:31 p.m. (Theatre): An employee reported that unknown persons stole a DVD player from the Theatre.

April 5, 3:39 p.m. (Goudy Commons): A student reported that unknown persons stole cash from her backpack while in a cubby as she ate her meal.

April 6, 3:30 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A student reported that unknown persons stole her bicycle while it was locked to the bike rack located between Matthews and Belknap Halls.

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Budget a big deal

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

While some call it the root of all evil, the disbursement of the money is one of the greatest challenges facing college administrators.

At a time when educational institutions across the nation are seeing an increase in costs and a decrease in income, long term financial planning is critical for the continued success of a university.

Crafting a fair and balanced budget for Willamette University is a joint project undertaken by the Office of Financial Affairs, the President's Office, the CLA, College of Law, Atkinson, and School of Education Deans, and various administrative VP's. With the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Willamette has planned a balanced budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as well as shored up a \$1.3 million deficit for this past fiscal year.

"The budget is our best

financial estimate of what is going to happen in the coming year," Vice President of Financial Affairs Jeffery Eisenbarth said. "A wide variety of factors, such as enrollment, the slumping stock market, an increase in insurance premiums, as well as an increase in worker's compensation insurance affect the university's budget."

The Board of Trustees approved a balanced budget in February of 2002 for the 2002 / 2003 fiscal year. However, a low freshman enrollment and a poor return on the endowment's investments in the stock market have diminished the revenue generated for the University. At the same time, a \$267,000 increase in the cost of insurance premiums and other expenses contributed to the \$1.3 million dollar shortfall for this school year.

"As you realize, these are very difficult economic times, not only in Oregon, but nationwide," President M. Lee Pelton wrote in a state-

ment released to the Willamette community.

"The ongoing downturn and poor market performance have had a negative effect on the university's endowment earnings which fund approximately 15 percent of Willamette's annual operating budget."

To offset the deficit for this past fiscal year, the administrative has implemented a wide variety of programs designed to keep revenues in line with expenditures.

The university has deferred periodically scheduled maintenance projects until a future date, which has decreased the overall costs of university maintenance. In joining the Oregon Educational Employers Worker's Compensation Trust, the university saved \$100,000 in worker's compensation cost, which has helped cut the \$1.3 million dollar deficit for the 2002 - 2003 fiscal year.

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University holds teach-in on Iraq



MIKE KIEFER

Math and science professors discuss science as a peaceful pursuit.

By JESSE GOLDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, Willamette University staged a school-wide Teach-In regarding the conflict in Iraq.

Organized by students and professors working together, the event dealt with a wide variety of war-related issues, in an attempt to educate and deal with the various emotional needs of students and faculty alike during the stress of war.

Junior Javin Martin, the student leader behind the day's events, organized the Teach-In as a response to several emails.

"Students and professors alike were emailing me, wanting to do something in response to the bombing," he said.

"So many people were making uneducated decisions about their opinions of the war. They needed something to deal with the war on a personal level. We needed a Teach-In to provide people with as much unbiased information as possible about what is going on right now in the world."

Before settling on the Teach-In, students discussed participating in the "No-business-As-Usual Day"

occurring across the country by boycotting classes for the day. Senior Devon Ward-Thommes, a panel member and active member of the Students for Peace and Justice, did not feel like a boycott would suit Willamette students' needs. "I was hesitant to boycott, because it seems contrary to our aim of encouraging books instead of bombs," she said. "We didn't want to give the wrong message by disrespecting our classes, because we believe education is more important than fighting. The Teach-In was a perfect replacement because it offered a way to educate people and bring awareness to campus without seeming biased or giving the wrong message."

Over spring break, Martin worked every day with Professors David Gutterman, Katie Desmond and Suresh Bald to organize the event. With a total of 16 panels on topics ranging from the Economic Costs of War and Reconstruction, to Gender and War, to Rhetoric, Media and War, and even the Psychology of War, faculty from almost all disciplines volunteered their time and opinions.

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Wulapalooza approaches

By ALLISON ERVINE
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, April 26, Wulapalooza will be the main event on campus.

From the Taiko club drum kick off at noon, to the final bands and activities winding down at midnight, the Wulapalooza committee predicts a fun-filled twelve hours on Brown Field.

Recently, this year's speaker, Carol Wagner, was selected. Ms. Wagner is a biologist who spent a significant amount of time in Cambodia. Willamette's environmental club, E.C.O.S. is sponsoring her to give a talk on the environmental effects and gender issues of war.

Although senior co-committee presidents Andrew Walter and Julie Dougherty are personally against the war, the Wulapalooza committee wants "to be sensitive

about it," and "don't want to overstep boundaries," Walter said.

"The speaker won't shove anything down our throats," Walter said. "It will be a dialogue hopefully," Dougherty said.

They hope Wulapalooza will successfully address environmental and humanitarian concerns. The goal isn't to take "pot shots at the president, we want to inform people," Walter said. There will be a letter-writing table enabling anyone who desires to write a letter to his or her congressmen.

The 10-student Wulapalooza committee is also very excited about the other events they have planned for this year. "Basically, I think we're trying very hard to be diverse in what we're offering the students," Walter said.

Doherty explained they've had fun expanding

on their Blue Grass following.

"A lot of multicultural clubs are coming out to play this year," Dougherty said. The Black Student Organization is doing a stomp, the Korean club will make ethnic snacks, the Hawaiian club will present dances from the Luau, and the Native American club will also be cooking up a storm.

Other campus clubs are joining the celebration as well. The Alaska club will have its Salmon bake. The "fat, juicy salmon" was quite popular last year, committee member sophomore Hunter Berns said. The Poi club will fire dance when the sun goes down.

Wulapalooza is "always free so it's communal and anyone can come," Doherty said.

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Study Abroad takes 146

By AMY RATHKE
STAFF WRITER

With the arrival of spring, the time has come for Willamette students to make preparations for next semester, particularly those heading overseas. Over 146 students have been accepted to study abroad next year through the Office of Off-Campus Studies. "More students have been accepted for next year than ever before," Study Abroad Advisor Zach Brittsan said.

A new policy was established this year that required students to apply in February, whether they wished to study abroad Fall '02 or Spring '03. Previously, only the students who wished to study in the fall were required to apply in the spring. This policy enabled more stu-

dents to be placed in programs, because it eliminated the problem of estimating the number of students who would wish to study abroad in the spring, requiring the office to save funds for an undetermined group.

Students are required to turn in their mandatory deposits today to confirm their acceptance. "There is always a number of students who decide not to study abroad after they've applied," Brittsan said.

Because of the size of the applicant pool and the quality of the applications, some students were not accepted but received letters saying that they had been selected as alternates instead.

The group of 25 to 30 alternates will be notified as spaces open up in vari-

ous programs.

Sophomore Monica Rother plans to go to Ecuador in the fall. "I'm most nervous about picking up the language," she said. "But people are really friendly there, from what I've heard."

Sophomore Jennifer Sirotek was not accepted for the Granada program in the spring, but was notified that she was an alternate for the program.

"I'm looking for another way to try and get into the same program in Granada, but not through Willamette," Sirotek said.

"We consider the students who go abroad to be the standard-bearers for Willamette and the country," Director of Off Campus Studies Kris Lou said.

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Festival will bring music, art, environmentalism

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Willamette students and Salem families alike are able to enjoy the food, music, and activities such as henna, calligraphy, slip n' slide, and Buttered Twister.

This year, students from Bush Elementary will dis-

play their creations in their own art village. This is the second year that people can participate in the creation of a mural.

Each year the murals from the previous

years will be hung as a "visual remembrance for regulars that are turning up," Walter said.

Of course one of the main highlights of Wulapalooza is music. There will be two stages playing music constantly throughout the day.

Student bands will play until 4:30, and then after that, bands from the Portland music scene will take over. Many of these bands have "an enormous connection to Willamette which is going to draw in a lot of people," Walter said.

Hershel Patch, for example, is an alumni band that has played at every Wulapalooza since the festival began six years ago.

In organizing Wulapalooza, the committee "always wants

to shoot high, we do that on a yearly basis and the result is always good," Dougherty said.

Volunteers are needed to help run this event. If you are interested please contact Kristin Hill-Williams (khill-wil@willamette.edu).

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ANDREW WALTER
SENIOR,
COMMITTEE CO-PRESIDENT

Teach-in covers many issues

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Gutterman saw the Teach-In as a necessary thing for Willamette. "As a Politics professor, I had been speaking with students about the war and I was well aware of the broad desire for information and venues for conversation," he said. "I got involved in the Teach-In at the request of Javin Martin and some other students."

Gutterman was also pleased with the willing participation of many of his colleagues. "Many of the faculty had already responded positively to an initial e-mail sent by Javin," he said.

"Many others quickly volunteered and a full slate of panels was put together over break. I can tell you that as far as I saw, none of the 16 presentations ever had fewer than 35 to 40 people involved and some had over 100."

Basu also commended other professors on their participation. "Faculty are wary of losing class time, and rightly so," he said.

"However, given the quality and range of issues raised by the Teach-In over the course of the day, I think that

most faculty felt that the opportunity for students to think about Iraq in sustained ways outweighed the costs of missed classes."

Senior Lindsay Vines attended a first panel and liked it so much she decided to stay.

"I thought the panels and ideas were very insightful," she said. "They incorporated people and the social aspects into the physical aspects of war."

I really enjoyed the Global Responses to War panel because I feel it is so important to understand how the world sees us in order to improve international relations."

Vines, however, did not agree with everything said. "Some of the panels seemed very unbalanced, leaning towards the left," she said. "I was turned off by some of the statements, but professors were just giving their own opinions. I think, in general though, the panels attempted to promote education and understanding."

Ward-Thommes, who participated on the Psychology panel, also had mixed feelings about the Teach-In. "I was so

proud of the success and attendance and also amazed by the amount of information and learning that was presented," she said.

"I learned more on Wednesday than I had in many regular school days at Willamette. But I was also quite depressed after the event."

The info presented was bleak, predicting serious consequences of war. While I was already aware of some of these effects, to hear them presented by authoritative professors really brought the message home."

With no similar events currently planned, most students, faculty and administration responded very positively to the event. Desmond felt the day was a definite success.

"Though not everyone agreed on what was said on every panel — there were opposing perspectives throughout the day — I think it showed the Willamette community that students are interested in what is going on in the world, and are seeking other avenues for information beyond the mainstream media and sound-bites."

Cuts, raises part of plan

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"We've taken additional steps to ensure that we will reduce costs while at the same time, maintain high educational standards," Eisenbarth said.

"We are committed to preserving a quality faculty and staff and we will not be eliminating those positions to balance our budget."

The university has approved a 5.2 percent tuition increase for the CLA, a 3.2 percent increase for the College of Law, a 5.1 percent increase for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and a 3.1 percent increase for the MAT program.

These increases will help to generate additional revenue for Willamette and a five percent increase in the \$19.3 million in institutional financial aid is planned to help students cope with the increase in tuition and room and board.

The budget for 2003-2004 also includes a three percent salary increase for staff making under \$20,000, a two percent increase for those making \$20,000 to \$25,000 and a one percent increase for those making \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Two administrative positions will not be filled to help offset costs and the university has also joined Oregon Independent College Employee Benefit Trust to reduce the cost of rapidly rising healthcare insurance premiums.

It remains to be seen whether the steps taken by the administration will help keep the university's budget in balance for the 2003-2004 school year.

As the university approaches the beginning of the transformation to the Residential Commons system, budget concerns will become more and more demanding tasks for future administrators.

Multicultural fly-in program in sixth year

By HANNAH
MEISEN-VEHRS
STAFF WRITER

Eighteen new faces graced Willamette's campus this weekend during the sixth annual Multicultural Fly-In Weekend. On Friday evening, these selected high school students of color from California and Texas saw Willamette for the first time. For some, it was also their first trip to Oregon.

"They have all applied and been accepted, but unless we helped them they may not come here," Associate Director for Multicultural Enrollment Ramiro Flores

said. Flores and co-director Administration counselor Dante Holloway coordinated the event. The Office of Admission covered the costs of lodging, food, and the plane trip to Portland.

Friday began with classes and individual meetings throughout the day and ended at Goudy Commons with a catered dinner and a speech from Vice President of Enrollment Robin Brown. The next day they toured campus, saw parts of Salem, and ventured to downtown Portland in the afternoon. A panel of students answered various questions about everything from college life, to where one can go to get their hair cut.

"It's pretty amazing they can do this, provide all of this," Amara Gyulai said. Gyulai traveled from Los Angeles. Gyulai had only seen Oregon once before this weekend. "It's not as stressed in Oregon, not as

fast-paced," she said. "Everyone seems really friendly. Also, my family is not together, so a small school would be nice."

Willamette's multicultural population draws from states outside of Oregon rather than from within the state. A large percentage of these are from California and Texas. While Admissions has various prospective weekends and preview days, only these students receive paid airfare.

In a sense, Flores said, Willamette does give most students an equal chance at seeing campus even though it cannot provide a free trip for every out-of-state

prospective student.

"We are open six days a week. We are very available and that is why many come. There is personal attention from both Admissions and Financial Aid," he said.

Flores said that the weekend helped many of the students to visually see themselves at Willamette, whereas before they thought of it as "an elitist private school in the middle of nowhere."

Sophomore Mari Montes visited Willamette during the Fly-In weekend in 2001. "I was debating whether or not to come," she said. "I just didn't know how I was going to get here. So that was really nice. It was a great opportunity."

Holloway, also a graduate of Willamette, participated in the first Fly-In program under the leadership of then-Vice President of Enrollment Jim Sumner.

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RAMINO FLORES
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
MULTICULTURAL
ENROLLMENT

COLOR at WU

Poetry, theatre combine in Celebration of Color

By HANNAH
MEISEN-VEHRS
STAFF WRITER

Willamette's Black Student Organization brought the poetry of Langston Hughes to campus Saturday night at the annual Celebration of Color.

The Flooney Theatre Company of Portland performed several of Langston Hughes' poems and ended with a dramatization of "Simple Speaks His Mind." This was performed by company members, Nathaniel Haynes, Henry Melson, and the company founder, Benjamin "Flooney" Hardy. Lonnie Nettles-White recited poems regarding motherhood, poverty, and the future, including the emotionally-charged "Negro Mother," which left the audience with the message, "Remember my years, heavy with sorrow, And make of those years a torch for tomorrow."

"A lot of people know of Langston Hughes' poems, but this was a different way of seeing them," junior BSO member Nichelle Lilly-Baylor said.

"A lot of the messages about prejudice and racial tension still apply today," junior Artise Burton, President of BSO, said.

Benjamin Hardy introduced the poetry with some commentary on the messages behind Hughes' work. "I think the greatest thing is that (Hughes) dealt with the common man," Hardy said. As a traveling artist, Hughes usually performed for \$125, but on some occasions dropped his price to merely "a good chicken dinner."

"The man loved his people!" Hardy said.

Poems such as "The Weary Blues," "Freedom," "Ballad of Roosevelt, and "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" were testament of this.

In "Simple Speaks His

Mind," Hughes' character Jesse B. Semple speaks frankly about religion in the south and his own troubles. "If you wanna know about my life, look at my feet," he said. "Can you see how long I've been standing on them?"

"October 16: The Raid" commemorates John Brown, an abolitionist who took up arms against slave owners. "He is an important African-American and rightfully so," Hardy said. "He was a hero." "When I learned about (John Brown) he was a fanatic. I never looked at it from this point of view," sophomore Jacob Doherty said.

The Celebration of Color has traditionally featured musical artists, like last year's Linda Hornbuckle. As this is the eighth year of this event, Burton felt that this would be something different and "not only a good experience for ourselves but also for other students on campus."

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ERIC LAM

Fasting for peace: Activist Michelle Darr talks to sophomore Pat O'Connell on the steps of the Capitol.

On March 17, Michelle Darr grabbed her pillows and signs and headed to the State Capitol determined to voice her opinion against the impending war with Iraq.

When the bombs dropped on Wednesday night, Darr launched what would be considered one of the most provocative campaigns against the war in Oregon. Based at the Capitol with signs reading "Bush's Foreign Policy is a Bomb," Darr entered into a time of fasting and solemn reflection as the hours of ticked, troops pressed on and deaths and injuries increased. Darr has vowed to remain at the Capitol until the war comes to an end and has set up a humble abode near the front of the Capitol. She fasted straight for 12 days, but because of the need to maintain her physical health, has switched to a Ramadan-style, sunrise to sunset method of fasting.

"I wanted to put my actions where my heart is at," she said. "I'm doing this to show solidarity in recognizing the pain of not having enough."

This solidarity, Darr asserts, is for the Iraqi people plagued with the inability to provide for their own basic needs. Darr has encountered battles of her own in her effort to stand in solidarity against the war. While sleeping, she and her companions were physically assaulted by three unknown culprits.

"They started stepping on us, took our things and threw them into the street and broke our pictures of Martin Luther King Jr. and Ghandi," Darr

said. One of her fellow companions, a Gulf War veteran, was attacked with a broomstick. Darr has been faced with many individuals who believe that the only thing individuals can do now is support the troops currently overseas, which means support of the war. Darr disagrees. She believes in her ability to support the troops and not the war.

"The best way to rally is to demand the return of the troops," she said. "This is an illegal and unjust war that may set the precedent for wars to come."

Darr has received a good amount of support. With individuals visiting daily, including members of the Willamette Students for Peace and Justice, Darr is not alone in the fight against the war. With a supportive partner and 7-year-old daughter, Darr currently invokes the activism that lives within her heart, and believes in her ability to turn heads.

"I don't agree that war is a solution," Darr said. "But individuals have a right to protest because no one can silence any sides." Next to a sign reading "Oregon #1 in hunger. Iraqi War day one: \$40 million," Darr has also established a tally board counting the number of troops killed and injured as well as the number of Iraqi deaths and casualties which she frequently updates.

Our hats go off to Darr. Even with the rain, cold and war, we no doubt heard her voice.

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Off-campus studies can be enriching

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This role takes on increased importance at a time of such tumultuous international affairs. While it remains to be seen whether accepted students will find the war in Iraq a reason to remain in the country. Those Willamette students who are currently abroad have sent back their thoughts on representing their nation.

"We asked students to e-mail us their thoughts on

the war in Iraq as part of a panel for the Teach-in," Brittsan said.

Students responded from the cities of Paris, Seoul, and Granada, among others.

Most students who responded from Paris spoke of the overwhelming anti-war sentiment they felt. However, the students made a point to say that they did not feel unwelcome as Americans.

When asked how she felt about representing her

country while abroad, Sirotek was optimistic: "I'm excited."

"I think it's a really good opportunity, and it will be interesting to see how other people react to American students."

"One of the keys of sending students abroad is that they bring back the knowledge they gain," Lou said. In order to achieve a greater understanding of ourselves and other cultures, Lou said, "there is no other way."



God bless our president.

-Senior Micael Bogar



It was a more positive way to educate people about war.

-Junior Celeste Brooks

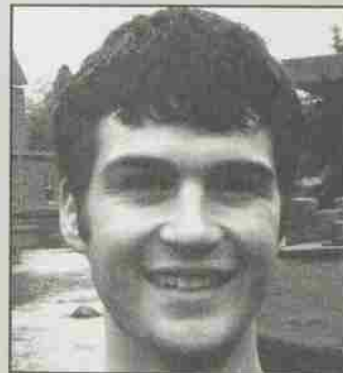
QUESTION ?

What was your response to the war teach-in?



I brought my mom.

-Junior Claire Barker



It was a good way for the Willamette and Salem communities to have dialogue about war.

-Freshman Devin Malone



It was great because it offered willamette students something besides food and classes.

-Junior Insil Kang

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ARTS

Concert served with a twist

By CARRIE McINTYRE
STAFF WRITER

Half an hour in advance, I made my way to Hudson Hall to stand in the end of a line that reached clear to the bathrooms around the corner in order to watch an a cappella group of which I had never heard mention.

Let me tell you, I was one of few ignoramuses to be found. Willamette students, U of O students, and community members continued to pour into the auditorium clear until after the show had already begun.

I asked a few students what their expectations were beforehand and I heard nary a negative word. My anticipation grew as finally 10 guys ranging from a senior in high school to a U of O alumnus, clad in black slacks, white button-ups, suspenders and green and yellow ties jaunted in.

Because of the positive assurances I had received, I expected greatness. And despite the sappy love songs aimed at the college women in the audience, greatness is what I, and the rest of the viewers, received. My first impression was that of an old school barbershop quartet and it made my heart do a lit-



KRISTIN HILL-WILLIAMS

The University of Oregon a cappella group, On The Rocks, melted hearts on last Friday night.

tle dance. The guys were rather laidback between songs, but each and every song seemed thoroughly prepared and choreographed. Nearly every member got his chance to be the center of attention with a solo.

As the songs got sappier and sappier, I found myself pondering the technicality of

it all. I mean, it takes a buttload of air and saliva for those guys to sound that good.

The "percussionist" particularly awed the audience with his capabilities not only for loudness, but also for accuracy.

As the last song was upon us, the audience rose to its feet in order to hear an encore performance, which was definite-

ly worth waiting for.

If you missed your chance at hearing a fine performance you can always go online to www.uoontherocks.com and check them out. Perhaps you'll feel inclined to purchase a CD or become a groupie. I might feel inclined to become one myself. We all need a little sappiness in our lives.

Student bands showcase talent and a new CD

By CHELSEA WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

This Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Cat Cavern, Willamette hosted a CD release party for local band OPIE's very first CD.

The party was also the venue for performances by not only OPIE, but also six other bands. The bands included Less than the Masses, Andrew Dirks, ConChoice, a Weezer cover band, Matt Iverson, The Dylan Moro Band, and of course OPIE. The event was sponsored by several local businesses, including The Ram, as well as larger compa-

nies such as ABC music.

These bands included a variety of groups. Some were Willamette student groups, and some were from the Salem community, and the groups varied in age from high school students to graduate students like the members of OPIE. Performances ranged from punk music to acoustic guitar melodies. Freshman Andrew Dirks was one of the talented performers at this event. He performed songs of his own creation. Dirks has been playing guitar for nearly eight years. "I'm actually very pleased with the turnout; this

was a much larger group than I was expecting," Dirks said.

The crowd was an enthusiastic group of nearly 100 people, with audience members including Willamette students as well as Salem community teens, adults, and seniors. Dirk got involved with this event by responding by email to a sign posted in the Bistro calling for musicians interested in performing. Lead singer

Will Lathrop posted these signs. Lathrop has been planning this event for nearly two months. He chose to perform at Willamette because he is a graduate student at the

College of Law. The group's next CD release party will be held this week in Portland at Music Millenium. OPIE's next Willamette performance will be at Willamette's Dating Game. OPIE began as a group based on the members' family relationship. The other three members, Wayne, Michael, and drummer Joe, are Lathrop's brother, brother-in-law to be, and brother-in-law, respectively.

For those who did not attend, CDs will be available at Ranch Records for \$10 apiece after their final CD release party in Portland this week.

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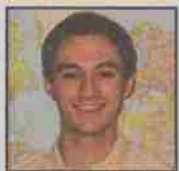
President

The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of ASWU. He or she is the primary representative of the members of ASWU, serving as an ex-officio member of all committees created. He or she is the student representative to the Board of Trustees, and has the authority to establish task forces and Commissions, with the approval of the ASWU Senate.

Andrew Cockrell

for President

Year: junior
Major: politics



I have been fortunate during my time here at Willamette to have represented students as a dedicated and proactive leader in a variety of elected positions. As a former ASWU Senator and last year as an ASWU Vice President, I worked with my fellow executives to create and develop the Connecting Classes Initiative, Finance Board Reform, Constitutional Reform Package, and the TIUA Buddy Program. And I would like nothing more than to expand these programs and develop bold new initiatives as your ASWU President.

The real experience and proven dedication, that I have, are essential for this position. However, even more important is a clear vision supported by a set of concrete goals.

My goals include significantly expanding the Connecting Classes and TIUA Buddy Programs, encouraging student participation in the Salem community through Outreach Initiatives, permanently establishing the Collegiate Readership Program to provide students with major daily newspapers; and most importantly, formally empowering students in University decision-making processes for campus programming, food services, judicial affairs, and independent self-governance.

As a candidate for President I am open-minded yet focused. And I have a clear vision of what we can accomplish together: com-

munity, progress, and student empowerment.

Javin Martin

for President

Year: junior
Major: philosophy, politics



It's too late in the year and too short a campaign for a candidate to convince you in less than 200 words why you should vote for her or him. Many of us don't even understand the role of ASWU President, which is why I'm going to take the time to explain.

First off, the President of ASWU should be a leader who has connections in other student bodies. It's one thing to be able to work well within the organization; being able to apply that work to the rest of campus is a different matter.

Secondly, the President not only has to have visible experience working with student groups, but also must have an established respect and familiarity with the administration.

Finally, a leader must have a vision and a means to the end. This vision must be grounded in a diverse knowledge of campus and be suitable for all students.

I believe that I am that presence on campus. Even if you haven't worked directly with me on a project, you've seen me running around "getting things done." I have an extensive knowledge of campus and a history of responding to the voices within the student body.

Vice President of the Executive

The Vice President of the Executive serves as the President of the ASWU Senate. He or she is responsible for establishing the agenda for the Senate, and casting deciding votes in the event of a tie. The VP of the Executive serves as the liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches of ASWU. He or she assumes the duties of the President in his or her temporary absence.

Kate Rykken

for VP Executive

Year: junior
Major: political, international studies



This position requires service in two capacities: the legislative and executive bodies. The Vice President of the Executive serves as President of the Senate and as a part of the ASWU Executive. I've had experience in both areas while at Willamette. During my sophomore year I chaired various ASWU Senate committees as a member of the Senate.

I've also served two years on the Elections Board, which is a part of the ASWU Executive. If elected, I have ideas about how to make the Senate more productive and efficient. I am excited about helping the Willamette community!

Vice President of Administration

The Vice President of Administration serves as chairperson of the ASWU Elections Board, running the election process. He or she is responsible for creating the ASWU office budget and overseeing all ASWU employees, including the ASWU appointed members of all Faculty and ASWU Committees and Boards.

Charli Hancock

for VP Admin.

Year: junior
Major: politics



Do you ever feel like you find out about big changes in administrative policy by reading about them in the Collegian after they've taken effect? Like many of you, I've been frustrated this past year by the lack of student input in major campus decisions and the apparent wall of secrecy surrounding the administration. We've seen tuition increase, cuts in study abroad programs, a

new anti-drinking campaign launched with our student fees, and other changes affecting students without student say.

It's time to restore student influence in administrative decisions. In the past, I've worked with the Vice Presidents of Administration, served ASWU senate, worked with HHR as president of my hall and have served on faculty and student committees, voicing dissent and working for compromise when student needs were ignored.

We need someone to change the way decisions are made at Willamette, to include the voices of all students. The position of VP of Administration allows for such influence, I'm committed to this, and I ask for your vote.

Kara Pierce

for VP Admin.

Year: junior
Major: English



Hey great folks of Willamette!! Greetings from London! My name is Kara Pierce, and, of course, I want to work for you! I want to be ASWU's next VP of Administration in order to enact some positive changes within the structure of the smaller committees within the administration, so a more knowledgeable, more active group can be making some of the most important decisions regarding campus elections, senior awards, alumni contacts, etc.

I have worked with the committees under the VP of Administration for the last three years, working directly with the VP every year to actively pursue my goals for the future of the office. I have witnessed first-hand some of the successes and failures of the office, and have the understanding now to improve it, and enact changes for the better. Working with alumni, I have heard the desire they have to develop further relationships with the committees.

Chairing the Honors and Awards Committee last year also helped me to understand the importance of committee construction and dedication. I

know now what it takes to lead groups directly related to that office, and will make the best VP of Administration. I need your help to make this all possible, please vote Kara Pierce VP of Administration.

Vice President of Finances

The Vice President of Finances is responsible for heading the Finance Board that decides how ASWU funds should be allocated, presenting a budget to the Senate for approval. He or she keeps track of all ASWU finances, and acts as a financial advisor for all ASWU activities, committees, and boards.

John R. Turner

for VP Finances

Year: junior
Major: Politics



During my time here, I have been privileged to represent and lead students in many capacities. Most notable is my continued service to the ASWU Finance Board as a voting member for the past two years. My involvement with the board has given me valuable experience within and insight into the process chaired by the ASWU VP of Finances. I have watched two ASWU Executive Teams develop their vision and implement their ideas. The Connecting Classes Initiative, Finance Board Reforms, ASWU Structural Reform, ASWU Vision Grant and TIUA Buddy Program have all been implemented during my tenure.

I will seek to continue and expand these successful programs next year with the executive team. However, next year's executive will have the opportunity to empower students to a level never seen. My first priority is the student voice. As your VP of Finances, I will make sure that funding for clubs and activities is fair and consistent. I look forward to working for the student body to take ASWU government into a new era of cooperation, advancement, and student empowerment.

ASWU Elections uncontested

Lack of students running for executive positions leaves campus asking questions.

By MICHELLE THERIAULT
OPINIONS EDITOR

When students go to the ASWU polls next Tuesday, they will only have to make two choices. The other ASWU executive positions, including the V.P. of Finance, have been decided for them—the candidates are running uncontested.

This is a dramatic shift from last year's full candidate field. Last year saw high numbers and tightly contested races for almost every ASWU position.

One race was decided by a seven-vote margin. There were also two run-offs in last year's ASWU election.

Junior Kate Rykken, the sole candidate running for Vice President of the Executive, said that the lack of candidates is a concern to her. "It kind of scares me. It means that there is a certain level of apathy on campus."

There are several possible

reasons for the change in ASWU.

Willamette currently registers over 100 different clubs and organizations, most of which are active and thriving. Students may feel drawn to devote their time to smaller, more interest-specific organizations.

In addition to a pull towards specialized clubs, students may not be joining group activities at all.

Dean Robert Hawkinson and Dean David Douglass speculated that the so-called "bowling alone" phenomenon is being reflected in the ASWU election candidacy. Research has shown that Americans are less likely to join and engage in group activities, choosing instead to pursue solitary interests.

Poor publicity may also have been a factor. Lack of

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information could have deterred interested people from compiling their petitions by the deadline last Friday. Some younger candidates may not have run because they did not realize underclassmen were eligible to seek positions.

At the same time that ASWU is dealing with low candidate numbers, WEB has had 12 people apply for leadership positions.

They have been a far more tangible presence on campus this year, and underclassmen may associate them with more action than ASWU.

Douglass believes there is an element of negativity towards highly visible political positions in this cynical and difficult time, even trickling down to campus politics.

John Turner, the lone can-

didate for V.P. Finance, said that he believed that some self-selection prior to candidacy. Students defer to each other in order to avoid splitting votes in an election against someone from outside the ASWU institution.

Of course, the size of the candidate field may just as well be simply a fluke. Whatever the cause, the most serious result of the low-key ASWU election slate would be a feeling of illegitimacy in positions that were uncontested, despite the presence of well-qualified candidates.

At a time when the Senate is undergoing dramatic changes in format, and the Connecting Classes initiative is awaiting its launch, a strong ASWU executive is essential.

Douglass believes that students are showing a "sea change, a shift from students seeking high-profile campus political positions."

All of the candidates have been in student leadership positions in the past. Junior Andrew Cockrell, candidate for ASWU President, returned from his abroad study at the London School of Economics to campaign for the position.

Turner and Rykken both have extensive experience serving on Finance board and Senate, respectively. While the candidate field may be modest in size, it



ERIC LAM

Junior Charli Hancock's offbeat campaign poster for one of the two contested positions.

seems that they are each experienced and committed to representing the students.

Of the current situation, outgoing ASWU President senior Adam Holbrook "I think it's a well known fact that ASWU has always struggled with its legitimacy," he said.

"But students are always receptive to effort from leadership."

"I think it's a well known fact that ASWU has always struggled with its legitimacy."

ADAM HOLBROOK
ASWU PRESIDENT



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Junior Andrew Cockrell advertises his candidacy for ASWU president in the highly trafficked area of the Mill Stream. This is one of the few promotions that can be seen around campus promoting the upcoming elections.

Upcoming Events:

Candidate Forum:
Wednesday, Apr. 9
7 p.m.
Cat Cavern

Elections:
Tuesday, Apr. 15 &
Wednesday, Apr. 16
all day
Outside or inside
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OPINION

Becoming wartime media literate

During the height of foreign wars and other humanitarian crises of the past decade — Sudanese, Ethiopian, and Somali famines, ethnic conflicts in the Balkans, rebel uprisings in Chechnya, suicide bombings and retaliatory incursions in the Middle East — scenes of death and destruction often dominate the news media.

Thronged of spindly refugees fight for grain. Bloodstained corpses and gutted vehicles litter dusty streets. Maimed children cling to life in barren hospital wards. Meanwhile, aid organizations plead for assistance and journalists document the suffering, making life in the First World slightly less comfortable.

Compassion fatigue: "a lessening of sympathy for



RAUL MORENO

the misfortune of others because too many demands have been made on your feelings."

Enter the war — if it can be called a war — in Iraq. Today a new strain of compassion fatigue has emerged, a mutation known to feed on the constant stream of digital pictures flowing westward from the indelible battlefields of Mesopotamia. I call it news fatigue: the reason you turn to Jay Leno instead of Jim Lehrer, that inner twist of disgust accompanying each passing headline.

Gulf War II is receiving unprecedented coverage. In its entirety, say analysts, the conflict in Iraq will constitute the most televised media event in the history of mankind. But while it is easy to understand how current

affairs may be psychologically wearisome, now is not the time to change the channel.

History is being written with every tank that rumbles in Baghdad, and unprecedented access to live footage of frontline developments allows us to debate geopolitical action as it occurs. This was not possible in 1991, when the Pentagon officials barred news teams from the battlefield. Plus, embedded journalists are literally dying to bring you their stories.

Feeling news fatigued? A suggestion: Choose a news magazine show like PBS's *The NewsHour* or ABC's *Nightline* instead of relying on cable news or the local stations.

Debrief: Critically analyze what you have seen and heard with a friend.

Raul Moreno is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

Learning from TaB

On the last day at the Paiute-Shoshone Indian reservation, in McDermitt, Nevada, we rose at 4:30 a.m. to hike to the top of the desert canyon and watch the sunrise. It was stunning to see the sun creep over the valley of the sleeping reservation, and the perfect way to end our memorable and eye-opening week together.

The land of the reservation is a barren beauty of sagebrush and roaming wild horses. But where we find such beauty, the people of the reservation daily face desolation, violence, a prevalent presence of alcoholism, and endless poverty.

Broken down cars and litter fill the yards of the worn houses, with the nearest functional town being an hour and a half away. We spent our week repairing and painting houses, spending time at the school, playing pick-up basketball, and eating potluck dinners with the people in the evenings.

The kids from the reservation attend a K-12 school with about 180 students. Many of the kids have never left the reservation, and to them, Salem, Oregon, is a far off and unknown place.



NICOLE LUCAS

It was so wonderful to have this little girl crave my attention, as she held my hand and excitedly read aloud to me. But it was just the opposite emotion when she talked about hiding in the closet

when her father drank and fought with her mother, and hearing numerous other little voices echoing her same nightmare. We don't realize the extraordinary power each one of us holds in touching the life of another. Simply attending college makes us a role model in the eyes of a child, or to a teenager who never dreams of college because he/she is immersed in an environment that seems impossible to break out of, and where college is a pipedream.

Whenever you feel discouraged with your life, just remember that we are blessed to have the opportunity to follow our ambitions and do what we want with our lives. We all have so much to offer to those who have so little.

Here is my challenge to you. Break out of the Willamette bubble, possibly take an alternative break next spring.

Nicole Lucas is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

Hit a home run for literacy

More than 20 percent of American adults read at or below a fifth grade level. That's one in five. At 41,115,200, the number of functionally illiterate adults in our country is greater than the population of Spain. This has to change.

Oregon Literacy, Inc. (OLI) is a non-profit organization founded in 1965. Their mission is "to advance literacy through access, advocacy, and alliances." Recognizing the strong correlations between illiteracy and issues like poverty, health, race, and crime, OLI makes a difference.

OLI operates a hotline that refers adults looking for tutors, English as a Second Language programs, GED classes, and a variety of other educational services to the appropriate literacy center in their areas. OLI also puts volunteers in contact with



MARY ANN ALBRIGHT

local tutoring coordinators, often community colleges. The organization operates a bookstore, where they sell reading materials at cost.

On March 28, OLI volunteers cheered from the stands as the Portland Beavers battled the San Diego Padres at PGE Park.

Aramark, the company that owns the park's concession booths, allows non-profit organizations to man a stand in exchange for 10 percent of that stand's profits.

OLI made just over \$1000 as their cut from working the pizza and hot dog stands. Each participating non-profit group commits to ten games, and OLI expects profits to increase as their volunteers get more accustomed to serving up favorite baseball snacks.

Senior Tracy McWhinney interns at OLI and volunteers at the PGE fundraisers. She

stresses the importance of supporting Oregon Literacy. "Recently with all the government cutbacks, OLI has become even more of a crucial resource. So many government services lost funding."

The next game Oregon Literacy will work is on April 11. You can support them by volunteering to help sell concessions or by just buying hot dogs from other volunteers.

Either way, you'll see a fun baseball game and be contributing to a worthwhile cause. If you're going to be cheering from the stands, it might as well be from the concession stands.

For more information on literacy and how to get involved, as well as OLI's summer internships, visit <http://www.oregonliteracy.org> or call Cari Matz at (503) 244-3898.

Mary Ann Albright is a junior in the College of Liberal Arts.

Letters

I find ASWU's use of the term "townies" in the official budget rather disgusting. Plenty of other words would suffice, but you chose instead to use a derogatory term, a boarline slur.

I believe that one of the official policies of the university is to build ties to the Salem community, and to include members of the community in campus events. If you don't want to fund security for the DJ Club party this spring, I can understand that. But please, please don't use offensive, derogatory terms in the official budget.

Non-students are people too, and in many cases finer

people than many students. Don't put someone down because they aren't in college, and please don't judge people simply because they don't go to your school.

The "townies" you speak of outnumber Willamette students by at least 200 to 1 in this city; we are the minority. It's our job to integrate ourselves into the Salem community, and to build what ties we can.

Try thinking outside the Willamette bubble for a moment, and most of all, try thinking about your prejudices before you commit them to an official university document.

—Reed Keil, Junior

EDITORIAL

Making way for peace

As the stage is set for Archbishop Desmond Tutu's appearance, the program reads better than any movie script. What a coup for tomorrow night's planners!

They managed to schedule almost a year in advance for the Nobel laureate's appearance to coincide with the American encirclement of the Iraqi capital. Masterfully timed, this will no doubt provide for terrific drama.

Peace is in high demand at Willamette's campus, where voices come from most quarters in uncompromising opposition to our nation's actions.

Perhaps, however, Tutu's speech will strike a different tone than the one of protest we expect. Perhaps he will challenge us to look to the future, beyond the "Love it or leave" and the "Drop Bush not bombs" of the present.

His message could carry a warning about the difficulties for this country, within and without, in the coming peace.

The Willamette community rarely balks at the opportunity to deliver forceful condemnations on the dangers of American arrogance in pursuit of worldwide hegemony, the recklessness of ignorant leadership, and the religiosity that empowers those leaders.

On display with a few notable exceptions at last Wednesday's teach-in, this voice in American liberal academia has become increasingly strident since the war's inception.

Tutu is no stranger to conflict. The triumph over apartheid — one of the great objective evils of this century — was one of the most convincing victories for nonviolent protest ever witnessed.

While Tutu headed the South African Council of Churches, the organization

My humanity is caught up in yours and if you are dehumanized, I am dehumanized, and anger and resentment and retribution are corrosive to this great good, the harmony that has got to exist between people."

- Desmond Tutu in an interview with Ray Suarez on News Hour with Jim Lehrer, October 6, 1999.

was an outspoken opponent of apartheid across decades of oppression.

At the same time, the archbishop refused to condone the violence of the resistance movement. During his Nobel acceptance address in 1984, he protested the reprisal killings of the rioting mobs in the townships with the same vigor he condemned the brutality of the white police.

That kind of moderation left him in a patriot's position of being able to pick up the pieces in a country ready to be rebuilt.

The divisiveness of the past few weeks portrays an increasingly dysfunctional national family, torn between two sets of values that receive the greatest attention for their radicalism.

The majority of an uncertain America finds itself molded unwittingly by the black/white ideology of both sides, leaving us alienated from our true beliefs and from each other.

Nowhere was this tension more evident than a week ago at the teach-in, as a law

student in marine dress uniform listened quietly to several professors discrediting the American military mission as little more than an oil scheme.

As was noted by expert members of the panel, one of the costs of wartime rhetoric is the humanity of one's opponent.

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Casting his eye on the many offenses of the Afrikaaner regime after its downfall, Tutu took the reins of the Truth and Reconciliation commission.

This body devoted itself to mending a deeply divided nation along lines where the differences truly are between black and white.

By revealing decades of hidden wounds and cauterizing them with public acknowledgement, that nation is now an example of racial equity and cooperation on a racially troubled continent. Students from Willamette enroll at school there every semester.

We have seen ourselves separated into hostile camps in order to derive righteousness from an action that while immoral, might have been necessary.

While this alienation is regularly justified in the name of democratic debate, the current atmosphere merely supports the opposite.

What would be a healthy exchange of ideas leading toward compromise has degraded to the inflamed propaganda of conspiracy theorists and religious zealots.

We can ease our transition to a troubled peace if we exchange messages of solace with our opponents rather than acrimony over war's hardship.

Otherwise, as armed conflict comes to a close, we soon will be forced to mourn its greatest victim — our nation's solidarity.

Theriault Talk

Somewhere inside the White House, April 2003—

George W. Bush: (watching CNN, eating pretzels very, very carefully) Man, Laura, this war is so kick-ass. Our bombs are kick-ass, our tanks are kick-ass, I love it so much. And when it's over there will be no more terrorism, and I get to be president of a whole new country too! I wonder if we could rename it 'You Messed With Texas.'

Laura Bush: Yes, dear, this is the best war I've seen in a long time. The cinematography and special effects are really nice. Also, all children should learn to read.

George W.: Laura, there aren't any T.V. cameras around, you don't need to say the stuff about reading.

(Donald Rumsfeld enters) Rumsfeld: Did you hear? We're in Baghdad now! This is the money shot!

George W. and Laura: (slap hands) It's Hammer time! Boo-ya!

(They begin to dance around the Oval Office, as the song 'Who Let the Dogs Out?' by Baja Men plays loudly in the background.)

Alright, now that I've ensured that the FBI will tap my phone, and I'll get lots of hate mail next week, let's move on to the facts.

Number of people "disembodied" by allied bombs in Hilla, Iraq : 280 (International Red Cross)

Former suppliers of weapons to Iraq: Dupont, Hewlett-Packard, Eastman Kodak, Honeywell (The World Messenger)

December 20, 1983: The day Donald Rumsfeld shook hands with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad after a weapons



MICHELLE THERIAULT

supplying deal. In front of a bunch of cameras, which is the part he probably really regrets. (The Smoking Gun)

Number of Iraqis killed a direct result of post Gulf War sanctions: 1 million people, nearly 60 percent of whom were children. (UNICEF)

Number of countries the U.S. has bombed since World War II: 19. (Historian William Blum in "Killing Hope")

Result of uranium depleted shells used against Iraq in Gulf War: Birth defects, cancer. (Laka Foundation)

The oil wealth of the Iraqi people: 112 to 186 million barrels. (CIA World Fact Book)

Suspect: Condoleeza Rice held a quarter of a million shares of Chevron stock, and even had a tanker named after her. (Multinational Monitor)

Really suspect: Chevron imports nearly five times more oil to the U.S. from Iraq than any other oil company. (Multinational Monitor)

Okay, this is getting ridiculous: Halliburton is the largest oil field services provider in the world, and provides services to Chevron. (Multinational Monitor)

Oh, wow: George Bush Sr. was a former director of Halliburton. (Salon.com)

Purely Coincidental: Vice President Dick Cheney was the former CEO of Halliburton. (Multinational Monitor)

Consider these facts. And before I get the Dixie Chicks treatment for daring to speak ill of the government, consider this novel idea:

I support the troops, not the politics that put them there.

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SPORTS

Seven excel at Invitational

Track and Field

By DAN HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Seven Willamette athletes surpassed NCAA Division III provisional qualifying marks this past weekend at the annual Willamette Invitational.

Distance runners opened the meet on Friday in what coach Kelly Sullivan said was "one of the best distance efforts for the two squads in school history."

Sophomore Scott Overby took second in an exciting 3,000-meter steeplechase, just 0.5 seconds behind Portland's Joe Gray, who ran unattached.

Overby's time of 9:17.9 was two seconds away from a personal record he set last year in May, but still earned him a provisional national qualifying mark.

"It was a great race. There was a big crowd but I didn't get trapped," Overby said. He



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Junior Brian Roeshler, a distance runner, at the meet.

hopes to improve his time before nationals, but is also excited about the overall strength of this year's team.

"We have people up in the top in all events, so it's going to be fun to go to conference

and see what we can do."

The 5000-meter race followed, generating equally impressive results on both the men's and women's sides.

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Delta Gamma does croquet

By KATIE ARNTSON
SPORTS EDITOR

While they are not using flamingos and hedgehogs like Alice and the Queen of Hearts, some of the women of Delta Gamma have taken up playing croquet.

Junior Mary Ann Albright, director of social awareness, decided what the house of Delta Gamma needed was a group of dedicated croquet players.

At first it was something of a joke that they would eat finger sandwiches and play croquet, but the idea gained the support of about 30 members and the proper equipment was rounded up.

They went onto the Internet to find the official game rules and how to set up the wickets.

The ladies have Brown Field reserved on Saturdays and Sundays from one to four to play matches.

It takes about a half an hour to play a round. Women are on "teams" of four so that everyone can rotate playing times and compete against their other team members.

Croquet is an individual sport unless you play doubles.

While concentrating on your own colored ball you also have the opportunity to hit other player's ball away from the course.

Senior Katie Rowlands is one of the croquet players. She played "very little" croquet before, but had played enough to know the game.

"Hitting the ball through the wickets is the most challenging part," Rowlands said.

In croquet, if you over shoot the wicket you must get your ball back in position to hit it through in the right direction.

Albright says the players are "learning by doing" and it gets easier as you learn to aim and gauge the power needed to hit the ball a certain distance,

similar to golf.

It is a race to see who can complete the wicket course first, but players must hit the ball in turn.

"The hardest part of the game is keeping the players in line. Even though we all know the rules, it can be difficult to prevent some players from taking those sneaky extra swings," senior Katie Crocker said. "But it's all in good fun."

"Since croquet is more of a casual sport, it serves as a good break from the more strenuous team sports that we play," Crocker said.

Crocker played in a croquet league when she was young but had to give it up competitively because of a lacrosse related ankle injury.

Playing with her sorority sisters informally has allowed her to return to a sport she loves.

After only their first "season" the DG croquet players have matching pink and gray shirts, with '03 on the back and "Delta Gamma Croquet" on the front.

"Beta has their golf, Delta Gamma has croquet," Rowlands said.

This first season may finish out with a tournament before the end of the year and the women hope they have planted the seeds of a new DG tradition of refined athletics.

Softball has wins, losses over weekend

By CHARLI HANCOCK
STAFF WRITER

Softball

Beginning in Forest Grove, the Willamette University Softball team had an up-and-down thrill ride of a weekend tainted by poor weather.

"It was miserably cold and wet," sophomore outfielder Tara Jackson said. Rainy Saturday featured a double-header against the Pacific University Boxers, started by a 14-6 Willamette win.

With five runs in the first inning alone, the Bearcats dominated and took a commanding 8-0 lead.

"We were looking good," coach Damian Williams said of the weekend.

Batting first in the order, junior third baseman Marci Hagen was 3 for 4 with three RBIs and three runs, followed up by senior catcher Darcy

Hertel who went 3 for 3 with four RBIs and two runs. Junior pitcher Teren Edgcomb walked away with the win, improving her record to 5-6.

The second game was suspended due to a rainout, with Pacific leading 5-1 in the fourth inning.

On Sunday, the team traveled back to Salem to face the Pioneers of Lewis and Clark in another double-header.

After playing a close game and losing 5-4 in the opener, the Bearcats came back with a vengeance and won the second game 7-6.

Both sophomore outfielder Anna Byers and freshman utility player Kim Boscacci helped out in the first game with Byers going one for two with three RBI, and Boscacci

driving in two runs.

With the pressure on, Hertel hit a solo home run in the fifth inning, setting a new single-season Bearcat record with four home runs.

"Any time a home run gets hit it really boosts the team," Jackson said. "It helped carry our momentum."

In a tough match-up against defending Northwest Conference champion Pacific Lutheran on March 30, the team lost 6-5 and 8-2 in Tacoma.

After taking a 5-0 lead in the fifth inning of the first match-up, off an RBI double by senior pitcher Haley Boston and an RBI single from sophomore catcher Meredith Runyan, the Lutes rallied back with three home-runs and went on to win.

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REVIEW

Easter on 4/20 is an ethical dilemma

Entertainment

The dilemma of the decade is here for all religiously conditioned pot-heads out there. Holy Maloney Batman, Easter is on 4/20!

March 17 when all you reefer romancers were tokin' up in honor of the color green for St. Patty's day, you flashed forward to the next weed-friendly holiday: 4/20.

Then one of you, while the others were picking up the burning nugs the blazed person dropped from the bowl and on the floor, looked at the calendar and figured out, "Dude, Easter is on 4/20. We better smoke again now since we can't smoke then."

My question is, really, does it have to be then or now? Let's think this through together. Or since you're stoned and I am not, I'll just think it through for you. Why couldn't you smoke weed on Easter?

Now, before anyone goes and calls 1-800-CAMPUS POPES and they come chasing after me with those disconcertingly pointy bishop hats, just hear me out. I am not here to burn the church down... at least not in the way an arson means it.

From a lutefisk lovin' lot of Lutes, my parents (God bless their tender hearts) introduced me and kept me interested in Christianity for a good 1/18th of my life.

I was even a Catholic schoolgirl, complete with plaid skirt and polo shirt. I was pure. While I now read "Stupid White Men" before bed instead of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, I still consider myself a moral person and valuable human being.

When you think about pot or religion, think about this: aren't most cheebers



JO JO ADAMS
COLUMNIST

and Bible believers ultimately searching for some sort of peace and harmony? Tenacious D wouldn't exist with-

out both Jack Black and KG, so I suggest peace can't exist without both Jesus and pot. Sure, it sounds preposterous.

But check this out: one of the oils used to anoint people such as our homeboy Jesus was: kaneh boshm. Take away an 'm' and delete a space and you get kanehbos. Kanehbos = cannabis = let's Get High. If it was good enough for Moses, it is good enough for me.

Imagine Jesus as a stoner and it all makes sense. Now you know why Jesus needed so many loaves and fishes. You also know why people saw Jesus walk on water. Voila, mysteries of religion solved away. I didn't even need a PhD... Unless you mean Pot + Heaven Degree.

By uniting people driven by similar causes, we could set Governor Bush in flames at the mere sight of our tie-dye shirts complete with ichthus.

Maybe then our country could finally make the decisions we as a people want instead of Bush making them unilaterally (that really came back to haunt you, didn't it Mr. "President"?).

Used responsibly and in moderation, Jehovah and the sticky both have the potential to make people more reasonable and ethical in their decision-making processes.

Besides, if you are hell-bound from smoking pot, abstaining on Easter isn't going to save you. Sorry dude, might as well keep burnin' em down before you get burned down.

'A Fire Inside' is good punk

By KRISTIN HILL-WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

If you missed A Fire Inside's sold out show last Saturday night at Portland's Roseland Theatre, you missed more than just a good time, you missed the opportunity to see one of the best punk bands around today.

A Fire Inside, better known as just AFI, is currently touring the U.S. to promote their new album *Sing the Sorrow*. Pumping the crowd up that night for AFI, were *Bleeding Through* and *The Explosion*, both of which will be touring with AFI in the months to come.

I thoroughly enjoyed rocking out to both of these bands and I will be personally picking up an album by *Bleeding Through*.

Any AFI fan would like these two bands. Lead singer, Davey Havok, led the crowd in a sweaty, body-slaming sing-along that lasted over an hour.

The venue, packed full of hard-core fans, greeted the band by chanting the opening track to their 1999 album *Black Sails in the Sunset*: "Through our bleeding, we are one!"

During the song 'Morning Star', Jade Puget had guitar problems, leaving Davey singing a cappella. Without invitation, the whole crowd started singing along until



KRISTIN HILL-WILLIAMS

A Roseland crowd thumps along to AFI crowd Saturday.

Puget got plugged back in. It was an awesome spectacle of die-hard fans coming to the rescue.

Standing, with my body pressed against the stage, I could not help but be hypnotized by Havok's eccentric stage moves and the high energy radiating from the rest of the band. At the end of the show I was proud to say that I was one of the happy, drenched in sweat (most of which was not my own) fans that got to see AFI first hand.

AFI started out as a small garage band in Ukiah, California and over the last ten plus years has escalated

into a musically respected band with a fan following to make any musician jealous.

AFI consists of singer Havok, guitarist Puget, drummer Adam Carson, and bassist Hunter (think Cher or Madonna).

This band has recorded over six albums during the course of their career. I would recommend *Black Sails in the Sunset*, my personal favorite, to anyone looking to pick up one of their albums. If you want to hear a MP3 of this band or want to learn more about them, you can check out their web site at www.afireinside.net.

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Weather a trial for golf team

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Interestingly, the course that held the Pacific Invitational, the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, is the course where Tiger Woods won his third U.S. Amateur Title.

"I felt I could have played better," Hunt said. "The conditions were very tough. The weather was really cold and rainy the whole time."

The Bearcats' only remaining tournament this season is the NWC Championships on April 21. The Bearcats should contend for the league title.

"Linfield definitely has the best player in the conference, so they will be tough," said Eaton, who predicted that Puget Sound

will be the team to beat. "UPS is deeper than Linfield, and so are we. It will come down to us, UPS, Pacific and Linfield."

Hunt agreed that the Bearcats have a solid chance of winning.

"I really like that golf course. We had great weather last year," Hunt said. "I finished second last year, so hopefully I can duplicate that. We have a good chance if we get everyone playing well."

Regardless of how they finish at the NWC Championships, the Bearcats should be even stronger next year. Willamette does not have a single senior on the roster, so every player should return for next season.

Sports Stylin'

I took an extra-long spring break and Ms. Style File stepped up to the plate for me. This week, I'm returning the favor.



STEVE ALBAUGH
COLUMNIST

Dear Style Filer,

My dog's designer J. Crew walking jacket is starting to look out of style. Do you have any suggestions?

-Snob Doggy Dogg

Dear Snob Doggy Dogg,

This is an issue that must be taken care of immediately. Walking your dog with last year's "Pucci" coat can spell disaster for your dog's social life as well as your own.

It is important to buy new otter wear for your canine every three months, in order to match the season and appear a couple of dog years younger. I suggest investing in the latest Abercrombie pee coat for purebreds.

This limited addition design will have any god rolling over and is available in a matching owners size. -SF

Dear Style Filer,

I am considering purchasing a new book bag, but I want something that will combine looks and books. Any tips on how to study in style.

-Bag Lady

Dear Bag Lady,

If I had a quarter for every time I hear this question, I could afford Willamette. When choosing a new book-bag you must look at three

things: straps, pockets and accessories.

Straps should be kept to a minimum, as both single strap sling style backpacks and over the shoulder textbook holders are very hot right now.

If there is one thing you can't have too many of, it's pockets, and even if you have more zippers than a Levi's store you will be thankful in case you decide to climb Mount Hood on whim. I suggest a minimum of ten pockets, as a double-digit zipper count is standard.

Perhaps the most important factor in making your selection is accessories, mainly the cell phone attachment. By having your moto at arm's reach, you can avoid unnecessary cell phone excavations from your bag, and make sure everyone hears your latest ring.

In this day and age, it would be a crime not to have a Nalgene bottle attachment on your book-bag 24 / 7. Even though it is 2003, some backpack manufacturers fail to see the importance of Nalgene access.

To get around this you can buy a stylish rock-climbing karabiner to keep you and your Nalgene together and add a rustic look to your satchel. -SF

BOX SCORES

MEN'S TENNIS

Linfield	(10-0)	(10-3)
PLU	(7-2)	(9-6)
Whitman	(6-2)	(7-5)
UPS	(5-4)	(8-6)
Whitworth	(4-4)	(7-6)
Lewis & Clark	(4-6)	(4-8)
George Fox	(1-6)	(2-7)
Willamette	(1-6)	(1-9)
Pacific	(0-8)	(0-8)

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Linfield	(8-0)	(10-1)
Lewis & Clark	(7-1)	(9-7)
Whitworth	(5-1)	(6-4)
Whitman	(5-3)	(6-9)
UPS	(4-4)	(7-5)
PLU	(2-5)	(3-8)
George Fox	(2-6)	(3-8)
Willamette	(1-6)	(2-7)
Pacific	(0-8)	(0-7)

BASEBALL

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	(9-2)	(13-8)
George Fox	(11-3)	(18-7)
Pacific	(7-4)	(15-9)
Whitworth	(8-6)	(10-12-1)
PLU	(6-6)	(7-17)
Linfield	(6-8)	(10-14)
Lewis & Clark	(6-9)	(8-17-1)
Puget Sound	(3-8)	(9-13)
Whitman	(1-11)	(3-17)

SOFTBALL

	NWC	ALL
PLU	(13-1)	(18-1)
Linfield	(11-2)	(17-8)
Willamette	(7-4)	(9-10)
UPS	(6-6)	(10-9)
Whitworth	(6-10)	(9-18)
Lewis & Clark	(4-11)	(7-18)
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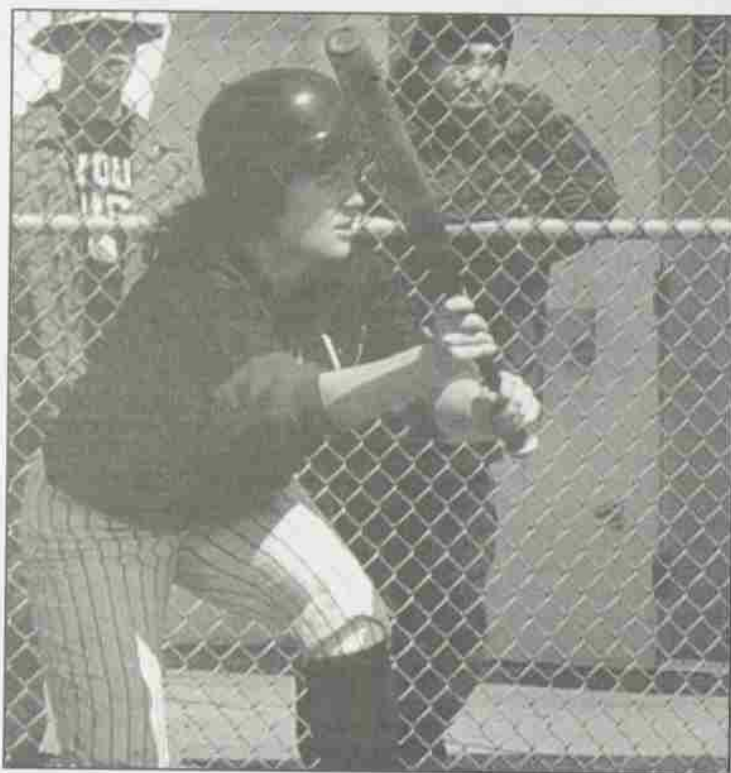
Weekend has ups, downs for softball

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In the second game, junior third-basemen Marcie Hagen and Boscacci both had a pair of singles, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Lutes who were led by freshman pitcher Candace Howard's a three-hitter.

With the losses to Pacific Lutheran and the Lewis and Clark Pioneers and the win over Pacific, Willamette moves to 9-10 overall and 7-4 in NWC action. "We got pretty run down over spring break," Jackson said. "We played 12 games in 6 days, so right now there are a lot of injuries. When they heal the only direction we can go is up."

The team will be in Salem this weekend to face the University of Puget Sound on Saturday, April 12 for a double header beginning at 2:00 p.m., and Pacific Lutheran on Sunday, April 13 starting at noon.



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Junior outfielder Jen Hammond attempts a bunt last Saturday.

Golf still strong

By BEN RAINVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Golf

After starting the season with strong finishes at the Willamette Invitational and the Whitman Invitational, the Willamette University golf team has continued to play well.

The Bearcats finished sixth out of 16 teams at the Northwest Intercollegiate at Salishan Golf Resort in Lincoln City over Spring Break, and then finished fourth out of eight teams in the Pacific Invitational.

Both of the Bearcats' impressive showings came in spite of uncooperative weather.

"It was pretty tough, especially in Lincoln City," freshman Dave Eaton said. "It was pouring down rain, and the winds are really tough on the coast. There were lots of high scores."

Despite the tough weather, Willamette shot 519 as a team, good for a sixth place finish. The Bearcats' league rivals, Puget Sound and Linfield, shot scores of 484 and 509, respectively.

At the Pacific Invitational, on April 2 and 3, the Bearcats shot a two-day total of 646, good for fourth place.

The University of Victoria finished third with a score of 646, while UPS and Linfield shot 632 and 631, respectively. Sophomore Rio Kutiera led the Bearcats, scoring back-to-back rounds of 77.

Eaton finished with a score of 165, while Sophomore Kris Hunt shot 166.

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Willamette succeeds at own Invitational

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Freshman Natalie Muran and junior Kari Holbert qualified provisionally for nationals, finishing second and fourth in a field of 32 runners.

Muran's time of 17:38.0 ranks second all-time in Willamette history and is over a minute faster than her time from two weeks ago when she ran the event for the first time ever.

Junior Jake Stout and sophomore Aaron Hollingshead also qualified provisionally for nationals in the Men's 5k, placing fourth (14:39.44) and eleventh (14:50.24) respectively in a field mixed with unattached runners.

While distance runners competed on a nice Friday afternoon, the rest of the team endured constant rain on Saturday. Although the cold rain made events extremely difficult, it did not dampen spirits. Sophomore Alicia Andrews qualified pro-

visionally for nationals in the 800-meter, placing second.

"It was very difficult to prepare mentally because of the weather, but once you start running you're too involved," Andrews said. "Watching the woman's 5k the night before was also really inspiring."

Other notable marks include: sophomore Nate Matlock who finished second in the shotput with a throw of 47-9, just short of the 48-10 3/4 national qualifying standard, sophomore Danielle Page who moved to number two in the triple jump on Willamette's all time top ten record list in the triple jump, 36'5", and junior Jazzmin Reece who moved to number three all time in the 100m with a time of 12.54, number six in the triple jump (33'8 1/2") and number nine in the 200m (26.64).

For complete official results go to the team web site: www.rundown.com/bearcats.

Senior has love for tennis

By TOM KARNES
STAFF WRITER

Tennis is a unique sport in that it is accessible to players both young and old. It is not uncommon for participants to begin their tennis experience early and to carry on that interest for a lifetime.

Willamette senior Greg Reinert began his tennis career at the age of six under the guidance of his parents.

"Both my mom and dad played tennis so it was natural for me to play too," Reinert said.

After taking a short sabbatical from tennis in middle school, Reinert returned to the sport in high school where he began playing competitively. Reinert attributes the mental challenges of playing tennis to his continued interest in the game.

"Tennis is a very rewarding game, you really have to focus on what you are doing," he said. "Beyond that, it's a good way to get some exercise and escape from everything else that you've got going."

Coming from a highly com-



Greg Reinert

petitive tennis program in high school, the transition from high school to college play was marked more

by the mental demands of the sport rather than just the physical aspects.

"Guys are bigger in college, so they can hit the ball harder, but players are also a lot more mature. Good players tend to focus on placing good shots rather than just strength," Reinert said.

Since coming to Willamette in 1999, Reinert has been marked as a consistent element in the continued growth of the tennis program.

"Greg has improved in the three years since I started," head coach Becky Roberts said. This year he is playing numbers one to three in singles and number one in doubles. He handles the pressure well and has an awareness of what is going on in his matches."

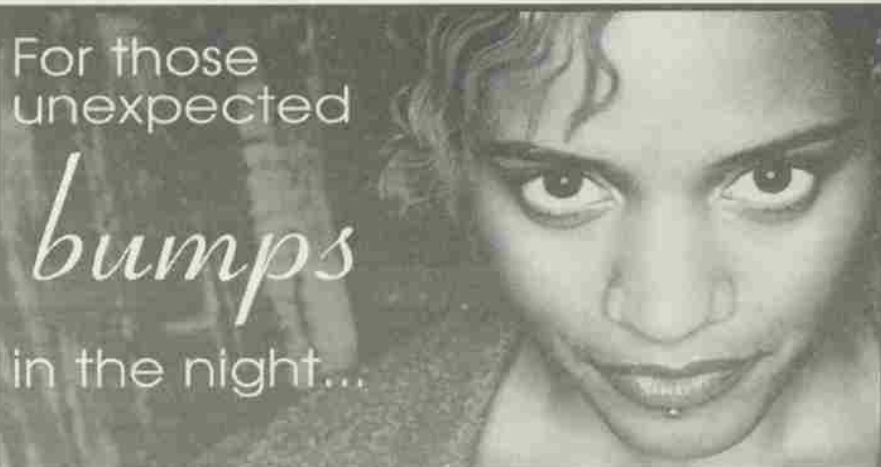
As a senior, Reinert views

his role on the team as dispersing his knowledge of the game to some of the younger players. While the individualistic nature of tennis can make it difficult to take a prominent role as a team leader, Reinert stresses the importance of mental toughness and the ability to stay focused during demanding matches.

"It's a pretty long season, so I try to help other players focus on when they should peak and which matches are particularly important," Reinert said. "I also try to steer players away from making some of the more common mistakes and avoiding mental pitfalls."

After graduation, tennis will remain a lingering influence in Reinert's future. Playing tennis accommodates numerous different ages and skill levels to allow for people to play throughout their lives.

"I've played tennis for so long, it will probably always be something that I'll be involved in on some level," Reinert said. "There's always Wimbledon."





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